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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services stakeholders, including individuals, families,

providers, case managers and staff

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Re: New Grant Opportunity for Residential Providers

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Earlier this year, the Family and Social Services Administration announced the availability of day service sustainability funding to support some of its home and community-based providers who have been impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic. As part of that announcement, FSSA committed "to actively evaluate and pursue additional provider relief options."

Today, we are pleased to share the availability of a new grant funding opportunity focused on addressing increased COVID-19 related expenses experienced by group home providers and HCBS waiver residential services providers. This opportunity is a result of our partnership with INARF and FSSA's commitment to pursuing additional provider relief options. Interested providers will have an opportunity to apply for grants beginning on Nov. 16, 2020, and ending on Nov. 30, 2020.

This funding opportunity is intended to reimburse eligible providers for certain COVID-related expenses incurred during the period from March 1, 2020, through Dec. 30, 2020. The total amount of the grant will be capped at 4.2% of Medicaid claims processed for the period from March 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2019 for group homes and the following HCBS Waiver services:

- a. Residential Habilitation and Support Hourly
- b. Residential Habilitation and Support Daily
- c. Respite
- d. Participant Assistance and Care
- e. Structured Family Caregiving
- f. Transportation
- g. Wellness Coordination
- h. Workplace Assistance

For more information, please join us for an informational webinar on this opportunity on Thursday, November 12, 2020, from 10-11 a.m. EST. The webinar will be held via Microsoft Live. To participate in the, <u>please log in using this link</u>. Following the webinar, a recording, along with the slide deck, will be shared on the DDRS COVID Resource page.

